

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Amended four times) A support and insulating member for a corner post made of thin sheet material and used to enclose one corner of an external wall of a building, the corner post being spaced from the external wall to define a longitudinally extending hollow space therebetween, said support and insulating member comprising:

a single member formed from a single homogeneous piece having a top end and a bottom end first and second longitudinally extending portions with first and second flanges respectively, the first portion lying in a first plane angularly disposed with respect to the second portion lying in a second plane, wherein said first and second longitudinally extending portions have lengths adapted for corresponding to the length of the corner of the building and wherein said single member defines a cornered inner surface adapted for contacting the building and a spaced apart cornered outer surface substantially parallel to said cornered inner surface and defining a first cross-sectional thickness, the spaced apart outer surface adapted for contacting the corner post, wherein the spaced apart cornered outer surface is flat and planar ;

[a first support member] the first flange lying in the first plane and extending outwardly from said first portion a predetermined distance and extending continuously along the entire length of said first portion and from said cornered inner surface radially outwardly; and

[a second support member] -the second flange lying in the second plane and extending outwardly from said second portion a predetermined distance and extending continuously along the entire length of said second portion, [wherein said first and second support member flanges extend] and from said cornered inner surface radially outwardly

wherein the first and second flanges are positioned and extend from the respective cornered inner surfaces, each flange having an inner surface contiguous and coplanar with the associated cornered inner surface and further having an opposed outer surface spaced apart from the inner surface defining a second cross-sectional thickness, wherein the second cross-sectional thickness is less than the first cross-sectional thickness;

wherein the cornered outer surface defined by the first and second extending portions terminates in a angular edge, the angular edge having a planar surface contiguously connected thereto, the planar surface oriented at an angle essentially perpendicular to the

cornered outer surface proximate to the angular edge and essentially perpendicular to the opposed outer surface of the associated flange.

2. (Twice Amended) The support and insulating member of claim 1 wherein said:

support and insulating member is fabricated from a material having insulating qualities.

3. (Amended Three Times) [The support member of claim 2 wherein] A support and insulating member for a corner post made of thin sheet material and used to enclose one corner of an external wall of a building, the corner post being spaced from the external wall to define a longitudinally extending hollow space therebetween, said support and insulating member comprising:

a single member having first and second longitudinally extending portions, the first portion lying in a first plane angularly disposed with respect to the second portion lying in a second plane, wherein said first and second longitudinally extending portions have lengths adapted for corresponding to the length of the corner of the building and wherein said single member defines a cornered inner surface adapted for contacting the building and a spaced apart cornered outer surface parallel to said cornered inner surface adapted for contacting the corner post, wherein in the cornered inner surface and the cornered outer surface define a first thickness and wherein the cornered outer surface is defined by a pair of flat planar surfaces that are joined at a corner junction;

a single first support member flange lying in the first plane and extending outwardly from said first portion a predetermined distance and extending outward from the cornered inner surface continuously along the entire length of said first portion and from said cornered inner surface radially outwardly; and

a single second support member flange lying in the second plane and extending outwardly from said second portion a predetermined distance and extending outward from the cornered inner surface continuously along the entire length of said second portion and from said cornered inner surface radially outwardly.

wherein the support and insulating member is fabricated from a material having insulating qualities, and said material is selected from the group consisting of expanded, extruded or molded polystyrene foam plastic

wherein the first and second support member flanges are positioned and extend from the single member at a location proximate to the cornered inner surface of the respective first and second portions, the first and second support member flanges each having an inner surface continuous and coplanar with the associated cornered inner surface of the single member and an opposed outer surface, wherein the inner surface and the outer surface define a second thickness, the second thickness being less than the first thickness.

4. (Twice Amended) The support and insulating member of claim 1 wherein the support and insulating member has a length and thickness adapted for corresponding to and for filling the hollow space between the corner post and the external wall of the building along the entire length of the corner of the building.

5. (New) An insulating support comprising:

a single member formed from a single homogeneous piece having first and second portions angularly disposed from each other, said first and second portions defining a cornered inner surface and a cornered outer surface generally parallel to said cornered inner surface having a first cross-sectional thickness, wherein the cornered outer surface is defined by a pair of flat planar surfaces joined at a corner junction, said single homogeneous piece member having first and second flanges extending outwardly from the first and second portions respectively, said first and second flanges extending continuously along an entire length of the first and second portions, wherein the first and second flanges have inner flange surfaces that extend continuously from the inner surface of the respective first and second portions and are coplanar with adjacent surface of the respective portion, the respective flange having an opposed outer surface generally parallel to the inner flange surface having a second cross-sectional thickness, wherein the second cross-sectional thickness is less than the first cross-sectional thickness and wherein the outer surface of the respective flanges is not covered by any portion of the single member.

6. (New) A support and insulating member for supporting and insulating a corner post, the corner post made of thin sheet material used to enclose one corner of an external wall of a building, the corner post being spaced from the external wall to define a longitudinally extending hollow space therebetween, the support and insulating member comprising:

a single member formed of a material uniform throughout, the single member having first and second longitudinally extending portions with first and second flanges respectively, the first portion lying in a first plane angularly disposed with respect to the second portion lying in a second plane, wherein the first and second longitudinally extending portions have lengths adapted for corresponding to the length of the corner of the building and each have a first cross-sectional thickness, and wherein the single member defines a cornered inner surface adapted for contacting the building and a spaced apart cornered outer surface, the cornered outer surface composed of two flat planar surfaces joined at a corner joint, the outer surface generally parallel to the cornered inner surface adapted for contacting the corner post, the first flange lying in the first plane and extending outwardly from the first portion a predetermined distance and extending continuously along the entire length of the first portion and from and coplanar to the cornered inner surface radially outwardly, and the second flange lying in the second plane and extending outwardly from the second portion a predetermined distance and extending continuously along the entire length of the second portion and from and coplanar to the cornered inner surface radially outwardly, wherein the first and second flanges each have a cross-sectional thickness, the cross sectional thickness of each respect flange being less than the first cross-sectional thickness and wherein the respective first and second flanges are not covered by other elements of the single member .

7. (New) The support and insulating member of claim 6, wherein the material has insulating qualities.

8. (New) The support and insulating member of claim 6, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of expanded polystyrene foam plastic, extruded polystyrene foam plastic, and molded polystyrene foam plastic.

9. (New) The support and insulating member of claim 6, wherein the support and insulating member has a length and thickness adapted for corresponding to and for filling the hollow space between the corner post and the external wall of the building along the entire length of the corner of the building.

10. (New) An insulating support comprising:
a single member formed of a material uniform throughout and having first and second portions angularly disposed from each other, the first and second portions defining a cornered inner surface and a cornered outer surface substantially parallel to the cornered inner surface defining a first thickness, the cornered outer surface composed of two flat planar surfaces joined at a corner joint, the single member having first and second flanges extending outwardly from the first and second portions respectively, the first and second flanges extending continuously along an entire length of the first and second portions, wherein the flanges extend continuously from the inner surface of the respective first and second portions, the flanges each composed of an inner surface and an opposed outer surface disposed essentially parallel to the inner surface defining a second thickness, wherein the inner surface of the respective flanges is contiguous to and coplanar with the inner surface of the respective first or second portion and wherein the second thickness is less than the first thickness.